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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1710

EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CUBAN MOVES IN AFRICA

REF: MADRID 6795 NOTAL

1. SPANISH EMBASSY (DE ERICE), JUNE 21, CLAIMED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY RELIABLE REPORTS REACHING EMBASSY HERE OF ANY CUBAN MILITARY MOVES TOWARD CAPRIVI STRIP (REFTEL). (COMMENT: WE READ DE ERICE'S REMARKS, PROVIDED IN A NON-SECURE AREA, AS A QUESTIONING OF RELIABILITY, RATHER THAN FACT, OF SUCH A REPORT. NOTE THAT CUBAN PRESS IN WEEK OF JUNE 12 DID REPORT ALLEGED BUILD-UP OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN CAPRIVI STRIP AND QUALIFIED IT AS THREAT TO ZAMBIA. NOTE ALSO THAT CUBAN VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO DEPARTED FOR LUSAKA LAST WEEKEND - SEE HAVANA 1634 NOTAL).

2. DE ERICE DID SAY THAT SPANIARDS (THROUGH THEIR SUBS-
TANTIAL COLONY HERE) HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF RENEWED MILITARY
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CALL-UPS WHICH THEY ASSOCIATE WITH REPLACEMENT OF CUBAN FORCES CURRENTLY IN AFRICA. (COMMENT: MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WERE EXTENDED IN, OR SENT TO, ANGOLA IN LATE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER OF 1977 SHOULD BE READY FOR REPLACEMENT SOON. WE NOTE THAT CUBAN SHIP "VIETNAM HEROICO"N THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY TRANSPORTED CUBAN TROOPS TO AFRICA, WAS LOCATED IN HAVANA HARBOR, JUNE 21. NEWLY ACQUIRED 7,250

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TON TRANSPORT "AFRICA-CUBA", ACCORDING TO CUBAN PRESS, IS INBOUND FROM ETHIOPIA CARRYING SEVERAL HUNDRED EHTIOPIAN STUDENTS. LATTER SHIP SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY JULY).

3. FYI: THERE ARE CURRENTLY LARGE SIGNS SCATTERED THROUGH CITY URGING REGISTRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE FOR "OBLIGATORY MILITARY SERVICE" -SMO. WE PRESUME THIS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IS CONNECTED WITH ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF 18YEAR OLDS WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, RATHER THAN AFRICAN REPLACEMENT EFFORTS. END FYI.
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